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THE CHAMBER OF CONSTRUCTION, THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS UNION (SCAAS), AND THE LABOR MINISTER ARE SCHEDULED TO SIGN A TRIPARTITE AGREEMENT AT 5 PM MAY 3. ENDING THE FOUR WEEK OLD CONSTRUCTION WORKERS STRIKE AS OF 6 AM MAY 4. THE AGREEMENT RESCINDS THE PERMITS GIVEN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES TO WORK A SIXTY HOUR STRAIGHT TIME WEEK, RETURNING THE INDUSTRY TO THE BASIC 48 HOUR WORK WEEK. IT SPECIFIES THAT INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES CAN MAKE SPECIAL AGREEMENTS WITH SCAAS TO WORK LONGER HOURS AT OVERTIME RATES. WORKERS WILL BE COMPENSATED FOR HOLY THURSDAY AND HOLY FRIDAY BY BEING GIVEN HOLIDAY PAY ON JULY 14 AND OCTOBER 12 (HOLIDAYS CANCELLED AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE) FOR 1973 ONLY. IN 1974 HOLY WEEK WILL BE A PAID HOLIDAY. THE CHAMBER PROMISES TO TAKE NO REPRISALS AGAINST THE WORKERS WHO STRUCK AND BOTH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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WORKERS AND THE COMPANIES PROMISED, IN THE NAME OF NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION, TO MAINTAIN LABOR PEACE AND OBSERVE THE AGREEMENT FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.

COMMENT: MOST NICARAGUANS ARE RELIEVED TO SEE THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS BACK ON THE JOB AND LABOR PEACE RESTORED TO THE NATION. A COMPLETE ANALYSIS OF THE STRIKE AND FURTHER COMMENTS WILL FOLLOW BY SEPAIR. SHELTON

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